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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment filed on 10/16/01 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RESUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: **The inserts must be in paragraph form.**

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: Unless applicant supplies the omission or correction to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION: Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,150-C)

In application of:)
Fruehauf)
Serial No. 09/982,286)
Filed: October 16, 2001)
For: Methods for Cancer Prognosis)
and Diagnosis)

PATENT

Before the Examiner:
J. Burke
Group Art Unit: 1642

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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In regard to the above identified application:

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1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment
2. No additional fee is required.
3. Please charge the full amount of any required fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-2490**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
5. CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 herein above, are being sent via U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this 19th day of February 2002.

By:

Kevin E. Noonan, Ph.D.
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